

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Examiner: Fay, Z.

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For: USE OF COMPOUNDS FOR TREATING
CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM
INJURY TO THE CORNEAL NERVE
AFTER LASIK AND OTHER OCULAR
SURGERIES OR TRAUMA

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 17, 2006

Sir:

This Paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2006, for which the three-month date for response was August 17, 2006.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to November 17, 2006, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Alcon Laboratories Deposit Account No. 501051.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.